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SUBJ : NOMINATION FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT

1. POST NOMINATES FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT (U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM)
MR. ARTHUR C.I. MBANEFO, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AKINTOLA WILLIAMS
CONSULTANTS. IF DEPT. APPROVES, PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE GENERAL
EXPOSURE U.S. MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND FEDERALISM FOR THREE WEEKS
BEGINNING ON/ABOUT MARCH 5.

PROPOSE TO FUND FROM CPP TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY GRANTS.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MR. ARTHUR CHIRSTOPHER IZUEGBUNAM MBANEFO

PRESENT POSITION: MANAGING DIRECTOR, AW CONSULTANTS LTD.,: LAGOS;
SENIOR PARTNER, AKINTOLA WILLIAMS & CO.:
DIRECTOR, UDT BANK (NIGERIA) LIMITED;
TREASURER, INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF
NIGERIA;
EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND HON. TREASURER OF THE
AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND
MANAGEMENT (NIGERIA CHAPTER), ETC.

NOTE: SINCE JULY 1975 COUP, HAS BEEN MEMBER OF 3-MAN COMMISSION
TO RECOMMEND FUTURE DISPOSITION OF ICOSA AND EASTERN STATES
INTERIM ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY, SPECIAL ADVISOR ON
COMMODITY PRICING, ETC.

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PAST POSITIONS: UNKNOWN

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: JUNE 11, 1930: ONITSHA, EAST CENTRAL STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US: SEPT. 1965-SEPT. 1966

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: U.K. SINCE 1955 (OVER 10 TIMES); GERMANY, FRANCE-SINCE 1958; ITALY SINCE 1967; CANADA, SPAIN, PORTUGAL-SINCE 1965; KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, SWAZILAND, GHANA, SIERRA LEONE, IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, TOGO, BENIN (DAHOMY); GARBON, CAMEROON.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE

VISA ELIGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: ARTHUR MBANEFO IS A FIRST-RATE OFFICER IN ONE OF LEADING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY FIRMS IN NIGERIA, AKINTOLA WILLIAMS. HE HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY BUT HAS ONLY BEEN TO THE U.S. ONCE BEFORE IN 1966. HIS VARIED BACKGROUND AND ABILITY ENABLE HIM AND HIS FIRM TO THINK IN TERMS OF EXPANDING THEIR ACTIVITIES. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FIRM HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROJECTS FOR THE NEW NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. LIKEWISE, HE IS BROADENING HIS ACTIVITIES INTERNATIONALLY, AND COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ESTABLISHING NEW INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: MR. MBANEFO'S INFLUENCE EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE MANAGEMENT FIELD, AS THE MBANEFO FAMILY IS QUITE PROMINENT. BY EXPOSING THIS LEADER TO THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH U.S. COUNTERPARTS, A PRIME CPP OBJECTIVE (II) WOULD BE SERVICED. POST BELIEVES THAT THIS PARTIAL IV GRANT WILL HELP FUTURE MISSION ECONOMIC PROGRAMS. BECAUSE OF HIS INCREASINGLY WIDE INFLUENCE AND ARTICULATENESS, MBANEFO'S VISIT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVED MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF BOTH SOCIETIES. NOMINEE'S ROLE AS ADVISOR TO FMG AND KEEN INTEREST IN UNCLASSIFIED

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OBSERVING U.S. FEDERALISM WOULD RENDER GRANT SUPPORTIVE CPP OBJECTIVE III.

AVAILABILITY DATES: MARCH 8, 1976 FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS.

3. ALTERNATES: 1. MR. SENAS J. UKPANA
NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
LAGOS

2. MR. JOHN IBOKO
CENTER FOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT
LAGOS

4. WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL THIS GRANT BY COB FEBRUARY
6 SINCE MBANEFO DEPARTING COUNTRY VERY SOON FOR TRAVEL TO
EUROPE AND CARRIBBEAN AND NEEDS COORDINATE ITINERARY. IF GRANT
APPROVED, PLEASE ADVISE NAME AND TELEPHONE OF WASHINGTON PROGRAM
OFFICER WHOM GRANTEE COULD CONTACT FROM CARRIBBEAN IF NEED ARISES.
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